WEST LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Re: November

To: West Lafayette Common Council

From: Chief Timothy J. Heath

<u>Call totals</u>: West Lafayette Fire responded to 152 Total Calls in September: 100 Medical, seven Fire, ten Hazardous Conditions, nine Service Calls, four Good-Intent Calls, four Severe Weather and Natural Disasters calls, and eighteen False Alarms. West Lafayette Fire has responded to 1,723 total calls in the first eleven months of 2012.

Firefighters spent a total of 47 hours and 37 minutes on scene for the month of November and have spent 504 hours and 13 minutes on scene over the past year.

Hiring: Beth DeHahn was hired as an administrative assistant to the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief. Beth comes to the Fire Department from the Tippecanoe School Corporation.

<u>Training</u>: Fire Crews have spent over 300 man hours training in November. Medical in-service consisted of AED (automatic external defibrillator) training, CPR re-certification.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in 2010, heating equipment was the second leading cause of home fires in the United States. More than 57,100 reported fires caused 490 civilian deaths, 1,530 civilian injuries and more than \$1 billion in property damage.

Every winter firefighters across the state respond to thousands of home fires caused by heating equipment; yet, these types of fires can almost always be prevented by homeowners and renters who use alternative heat sources carefully and responsibly.

For those using alternative sources to heat their homes, the Indiana State Fire Marshal advises proper use and maintenance.

Timothy J. Heath

Fire Chief